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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2262

Introduced by Assembly Member Bradford

February 24, 2012

An act to amend ~~Sections 48980 and~~ *Section 48981* of the Education Code, relating to school districts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2262, as amended, Bradford. School districts: governing boards: notification: parent rights and responsibilities.

Existing law requires the governing board of a school district, at the beginning of the first semester or quarter of each school year, to notify parents or guardians of minor pupils of specified rights and responsibilities of the parent or guardian and of specified school district policies and procedures. Existing law provides that the notice may be sent by regular mail or by any other method normally used to communicate with parents or guardians in writing.

This bill would authorize the governing board to provide this notification ~~in hard copy or electronic format, as specified to a parent or guardian who requests to receive the notice in electronic format by providing access to the notice electronically.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. Section 48980 of the Education Code is amended~~
2 ~~to read:~~

3 ~~48980. (a) At the beginning of the first semester or quarter of~~
4 ~~the regular school term, the governing board of each school district~~
5 ~~shall notify the parent or guardian of a minor pupil regarding the~~
6 ~~right or responsibility of the parent or guardian under Sections~~
7 ~~35291, 46014, 48205, 48207, 48208, 49403, 49423, 49451, 49472,~~
8 ~~and 51938 and Chapter 2.3 (commencing with Section 32255) of~~
9 ~~Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1. This notification may be provided~~
10 ~~in hard copy or electronic format.~~

11 ~~(b) The notification also shall advise the parent or guardian of~~
12 ~~the availability of individualized instruction as prescribed by~~
13 ~~Section 48206.3, and of the program prescribed by Article 9~~
14 ~~(commencing with Section 49510) of Chapter 9.~~

15 ~~(c) The notification also shall advise the parents and guardians~~
16 ~~of all pupils attending a school within the school district of the~~
17 ~~schedule of minimum days and pupil-free staff development days,~~
18 ~~and if minimum or pupil-free staff development days are scheduled~~
19 ~~thereafter, the governing board of the district shall notify parents~~
20 ~~and guardians of the affected pupils as early as possible, but not~~
21 ~~later than one month before the scheduled minimum or pupil-free~~
22 ~~day.~~

23 ~~(d) The notification also may advise the parent or guardian of~~
24 ~~the importance of investing for future college or university~~
25 ~~education for their children and of considering appropriate~~
26 ~~investment options, including, but not limited to, United States~~
27 ~~savings bonds.~~

28 ~~(e) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of the~~
29 ~~pupil that each pupil completing grade 12 is required to~~
30 ~~successfully pass the high school exit examination administered~~
31 ~~pursuant to Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 60850) of Part~~
32 ~~33. The notification shall include, at a minimum, the date of the~~
33 ~~examination and the requirements for passing the examination,~~
34 ~~and shall inform the parents and guardians regarding the~~
35 ~~consequences of not passing the examination and shall inform~~
36 ~~parents and guardians that passing the examination is a condition~~
37 ~~of graduation.~~

1 ~~(f) Each school district that elects to provide a fingerprinting~~
2 ~~program pursuant to Article 10 (commencing with Section 32390)~~
3 ~~of Chapter 3 of Part 19 of Division 1 of Title 1 shall inform parents~~
4 ~~or guardians of the program as specified in Section 32390.~~

5 ~~(g) The notification also shall include a copy of the written~~
6 ~~policy of the school district on sexual harassment established~~
7 ~~pursuant to Section 231.5, as it relates to pupils.~~

8 ~~(h) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of all~~
9 ~~existing statutory attendance options and local attendance options~~
10 ~~available in the school district. This notification component shall~~
11 ~~include all options for meeting residency requirements for school~~
12 ~~attendance, programmatic options offered within the local~~
13 ~~attendance areas, and any special programmatic options available~~
14 ~~on both an interdistrict and intradistrict basis. This notification~~
15 ~~component also shall include a description of all options, a~~
16 ~~description of the procedure for application for alternative~~
17 ~~attendance areas or programs, an application form from the district~~
18 ~~for requesting a change of attendance, and a description of the~~
19 ~~appeals process available, if any, for a parent or guardian denied~~
20 ~~a change of attendance. The notification component also shall~~
21 ~~include an explanation of the existing statutory attendance options;~~
22 ~~including, but not limited to, those available under Section 35160.5,~~
23 ~~Chapter 5 (commencing with Section 46600) of Part 26, and~~
24 ~~subdivision (b) of Section 48204. The department shall produce~~
25 ~~this portion of the notification and shall distribute it to all school~~
26 ~~districts.~~

27 ~~(i) It is the intent of the Legislature that the governing board of~~
28 ~~each school district annually review the enrollment options~~
29 ~~available to the pupils within its district and that the districts strive~~
30 ~~to make available enrollment options that meet the diverse needs,~~
31 ~~potential, and interests of the pupils of California.~~

32 ~~(j) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian that a~~
33 ~~pupil shall not have his or her grade reduced or lose academic~~
34 ~~credit for any absence or absences excused pursuant to Section~~
35 ~~48205 if missed assignments and tests that can reasonably be~~
36 ~~provided are satisfactorily completed within a reasonable period~~
37 ~~of time, and shall include the full text of Section 48205.~~

38 ~~(k) The notification shall advise the parent or guardian of the~~
39 ~~availability of state funds to cover the costs of advanced placement~~
40 ~~examination fees pursuant to Section 52244.~~

~~(l) The notification to the parent or guardian of a minor pupil enrolled in any of grades 9 to 12, inclusive, also shall include the information required pursuant to Section 51229.~~

~~(m) If a school district elects to allow a career technical education course to satisfy the requirement imposed by subparagraph (E) of paragraph (1) of subdivision (a) of Section 51225.3, the school district shall include, in the notification required pursuant to this section, both of the following:~~

~~(1) Information about the high school graduation requirements of the school district and how each requirement satisfies or does not satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California.~~

~~(2) A complete list of career technical education courses offered by the school district that satisfy the subject matter requirements for admission to the California State University and the University of California, and which of the specific college admission requirements these courses satisfy.~~

~~SEC. 2.~~

SECTION 1. Section 48981 of the Education Code is amended to read:

48981. The notice shall be provided at the time of registration for the first semester or quarter of the regular school term. The notice may be provided using any of the following methods:

(a) By regular mail.

(b) If a parent or guardian requests to receive the notice in electronic format, by providing access to the notice electronically.

(c) By any other method normally used to communicate with the parents or guardians in writing.